

Subject Line: Return to Learn Supplement #4**N3/PreK letter Only letter:**

Dear Nursery 3 and Pre-K parents,

We are so excited to welcome your child/ren into JKHA for an amazing year! We wanted to take a moment to highlight some important details for these two grades and a time to meet the teachers next week:

Cohorts:

Nursery and Pre-K will function as a cohort together. That means they will share a bathroom, but each class will be their own pod and learn in their own classroom. N3 will be in room 112. Pre-K students will be split into a Pre-K Aleph pod and Pre-K Bet pod. Aleph will be in room 113 and Bet will be in room 111. Although students will stay in their own classrooms, Pre-K teachers will travel between the two pods for instruction.

Meeting Teachers & Supply Drop Off, Thursday, August 27:

We are excited to share that we will have an outdoor visiting day where children can meet their teachers and drop off supplies. Between the hours of **9 and 10am on Thursday, August 27th**, parents and students have the opportunity to meet their classroom teacher and drop off school supplies. Teachers will be stationed at the front of the school building. We hope that this brief visit enables our youngest learners comfort in meeting their teachers before the start of school. If you order school supplies through SchoolKidz, the supplies will be brought straight to the classrooms. You are still more than welcome to come and meet the teachers on Thursday!

A few notes for the meeting/drop-off:

- Please make sure that you and your child are wearing masks during the visit and remain socially distant from other families.
- Please ensure that supplies are organized in a labeled bag with your child's first and last name and grade clearly posted. Make sure to place the supplies with the correct grade level signage.
- If you have supplies for children in other grades, you can drop them off at that time too. The Lower School (grades 1-4) supply drop-off location is to the left of the building across from the soccer field. Tents are set up for each grade.
- Supplies for General and Judaic Studies (if relevant) should be dropped off in two separate labeled bags.

Mask-Wearing:

We recognize that transitioning to wearing masks all day will take time for our youngest learners. Masks must be worn as students enter and exit the building and in the hallways. Teachers will reinforce proper mask-wearing protocols, especially during center time (close contact times). Teachers will work with students to build their mask-wearing stamina.

Hygiene and Safety:

Children will sanitize their hands before and after play centers, eating, recess and other transitions during the day. Special care will be used during snack and lunch time to ensure children have more personal space. Teachers will wear gloves during snack and lunch time to support students with opening and cutting food. During rest time, children will rest head to foot and as distanced as possible.

Nursery 3:

- In the past, N3 parents were able to drop off their child in the classroom. This year, parents are not permitted to visit the building. N3 teachers will wait in the Jocheved Orbach Dining Hall after parents drop off their carpool in the back of the building. Students will be escorted to their classroom by their teachers.
- N3 parents are to wait in the carpool line. Teachers will stay with children until they are all picked up.
- Children are able to nap in class. Bedding will be kept in each child's cubby in a reusable sack from home. Bedding will be sent home weekly for washing.
- Ensure you have filled out the medical forms and sent them back to Mrs. DiGiovanni before the start of school.
- Please provide documentation of your child's influenza vaccine received between September and November 1st. You can send it in your child's backpack.

Pre-K:

- To help students maintain greater distance, Pre-K will be divided into two smaller pods (or classes) and stay in their assigned classroom.
- All Pre-K teachers will rotate between both classrooms to ensure the curriculum is seamless and uniform.
- Students from the entire Pre-K cohort will go to recess together.
- Pre-K teachers will greet students in the front of the building as they get off of the bus and in the Jocheved Orbach Dining Hall if they are in a carpool. Students will be escorted to class with their teachers.
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Although there are some changes to how this new year will look, we are excited to warmly welcome students back into the building and continue to build relationships with them and to support their growth over the course of the year. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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Dear Kindergarten parents,

We are so excited to welcome your child/ren into JKHA for an amazing year! We wanted to take a moment to highlight some important details for this grade and a time to meet the teachers next week:

Cohorts:

Both Kindergarten (Gan) classes will function as a cohort together. That means that they will share a bathroom, but each class will be their own pod and learn in their own classroom. The Kindergarten cohort will also have an additional classroom to use for small group instruction called the “overflow room”.

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Models of Learning:

In Kindergarten, it is important that children have the opportunity to learn through formal learning as well as through play. Children will participate in formal learning experiences at their own personal desks as well as in small groups during “center time”. Centers such as block building, kitchen area, table top toys and art, are aspects of our curriculum and our commitment to educational and social and emotional excellence.

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For Lower School:

Dear Lower School parents,

We are so excited to welcome your child/ren into JKHA for an amazing year! As we prepare to open our doors on Monday, August 31, we recognize that it may be a challenge for your child/ren to bring all school supplies in on the first day. To that end, we would like to invite you to drop off school supplies for grades 1-4 to the left of the building across from the soccer field on **Thursday, August 27 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.**

A few notes:

- If you ordered school supplies through SchoolKidz, the supplies will be brought straight to the classrooms.
- Please make sure that you and your child are wearing masks during the visit and remain socially distant from other families.
- There will be areas designated for General and Judaic studies for all Lower School grades on the side of the building.
- Supplies for General and Judaic Studies should be dropped off in two separate bags.
- Please ensure that supplies are organized in a labeled bag with your child's first and last name, grade and General/Judaic studies clearly posted.

If you are not able to drop off school supplies in this window, we will help students bring their supplies into school from the bus and carpool on the first day of school.

We are excited to warmly welcome students back into the building in a few short days and we look forward to a wonderful year of learning together.

Mrs. Ruth DiGiovanni
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